ശ്രീ. എൻ. കണ്ണൂരാമൻ: നടപടികൾ എടുത്തുവരുന്നു.

ശ്രീ. എം. ഐ. പോൾ: ഈ നടപടികൾ തീരുമാനിക്കാതെ നീട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണങ്ങളുമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. Speaker: The question is to general and need not be answered.

ശ്രീ. കെ. ആർ. ഇലങ്കത്ത്: ഈ സംഗതി എപ്പോഴാണ് ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടത്?

ശ്രീ. എൻ. കണ്ണൂരാമൻ: വളരെക്കാലമായില്ല.

Question No. 30 was not put.

Sri. D. Gnanasigamoni:

REDUCTION OF THE NUMBER OF TALUKS

***754.** [31] **Sri. R. Chellaswmi Nadar:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to reduce the number of taluks;

(*b*) whether any committee is appointed to go into that question; and

(*c*) the number of taluks to be reduced?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) The question of reducing the number of taluks has not yet been taken up for consideration.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

***755.** [32] **Sri. Alexander Vakayil:** Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the total number of clerical posts in the Education Department in Cochin State;

(*b*) of these clerical posts, what is the percentage of posts on 80-125;

(*c*) what are the similar figures in the Departments of Revenue, P. W. D., Accounts, Medicine etc., (Major);

(*d*) is it a fact that the graduate rule of 50 per cent to promotion to 80-125 insisted only in the Education Department;

(*e*) is it a fact that relaxation of graduate rule of 50 percent to promotion to 80-125 is denied to Education Department only.

(*f*) is it a fact that under-graduates of over 20 years of service need not be subjected to graduate rule for promotion to 80-125 grade;

(*g*) is it not a fact that in all departments except Education under-graduates of more than 20 years' service are promoted to 80-125 grade; and

(*h*) if so, give the number of under graduate clerks in the Education Department who are denied promotion to 80-125 in spite of their service for 20 years or more?

Sri. E. John Philipose:

(*a*) 159.

(*b*) 9 per cent.

(*c*)

Accounts Department	327 and 7·3 per cent.
Revenue Department	132 and 12·1 per cent.
Medicine	34 and 6 per cent.
P. W. D.	497 and 1·39 per cent.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Under-graduates who have put in 20 years of unblemished service will rise up to Rs. 125.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*g*).

PURCHASE OF DRUGS

***756** [33] **Sri. Alexander Vakayil:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it the purchasing committee that arranges the purchase of drugs and other medicines required for the hospitals;

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